

2025
Police Vehicle Pursuit Report

VEHICLE PURSUIT: FAIL TO STOP

As per FOB052 of Cornwall Police Service policy related to vehicle pursuits the following is a summary of the Fail to Stop reports submitted by members of the Cornwall Police Service during 2025. Information obtained herein is derived from the Fail to Stop Reports submitted by individual officers as required by Regulation 397/23 of the Community Safety and Policing Act.

A Vehicle Pursuit occurs when:

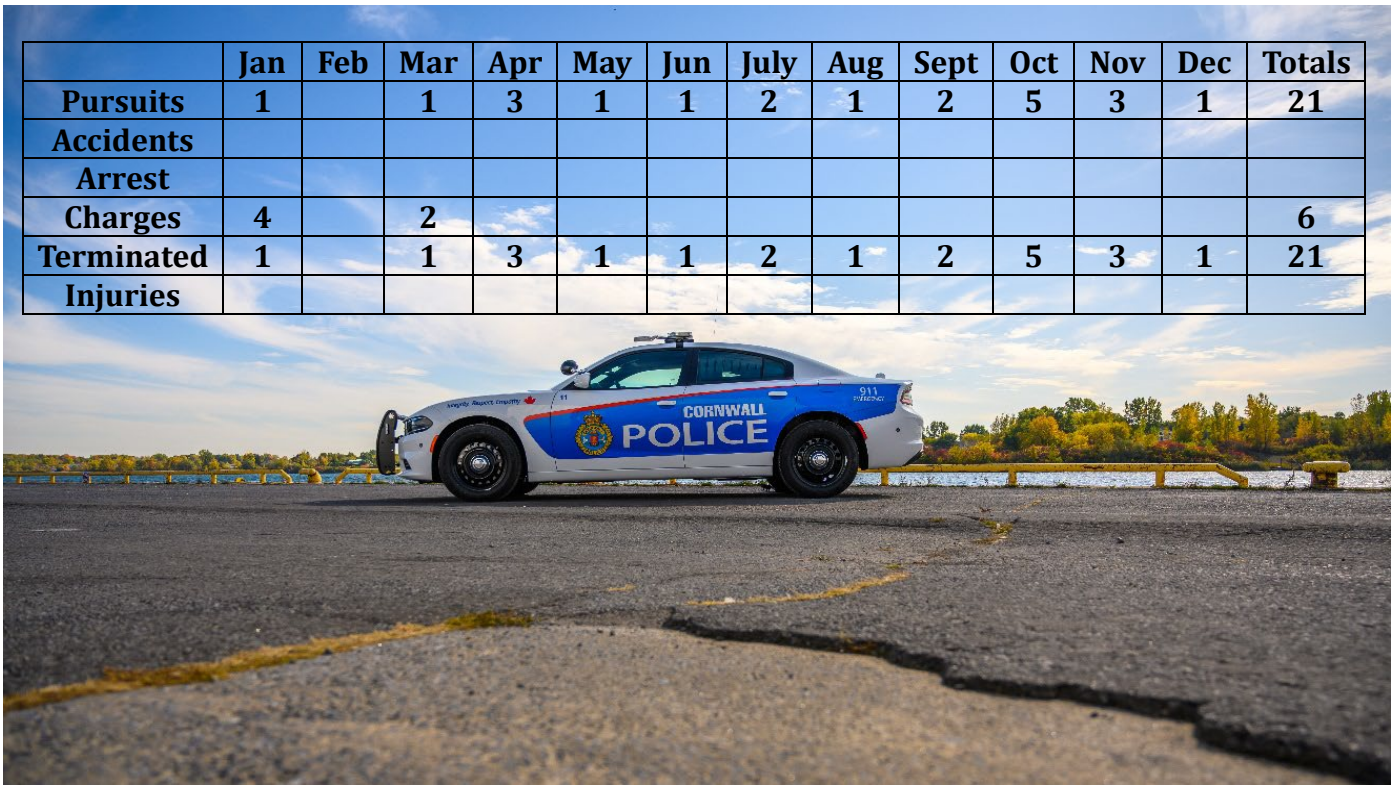
- The driver refuses to obey the officer
- A police officer attempts to direct the drive of a motor vehicle to stop
- The police officer pursues in a motor vehicle for the purpose of stopping the fleeing motor vehicle, or identifying that motor vehicle, or an individual in the motor vehicle.

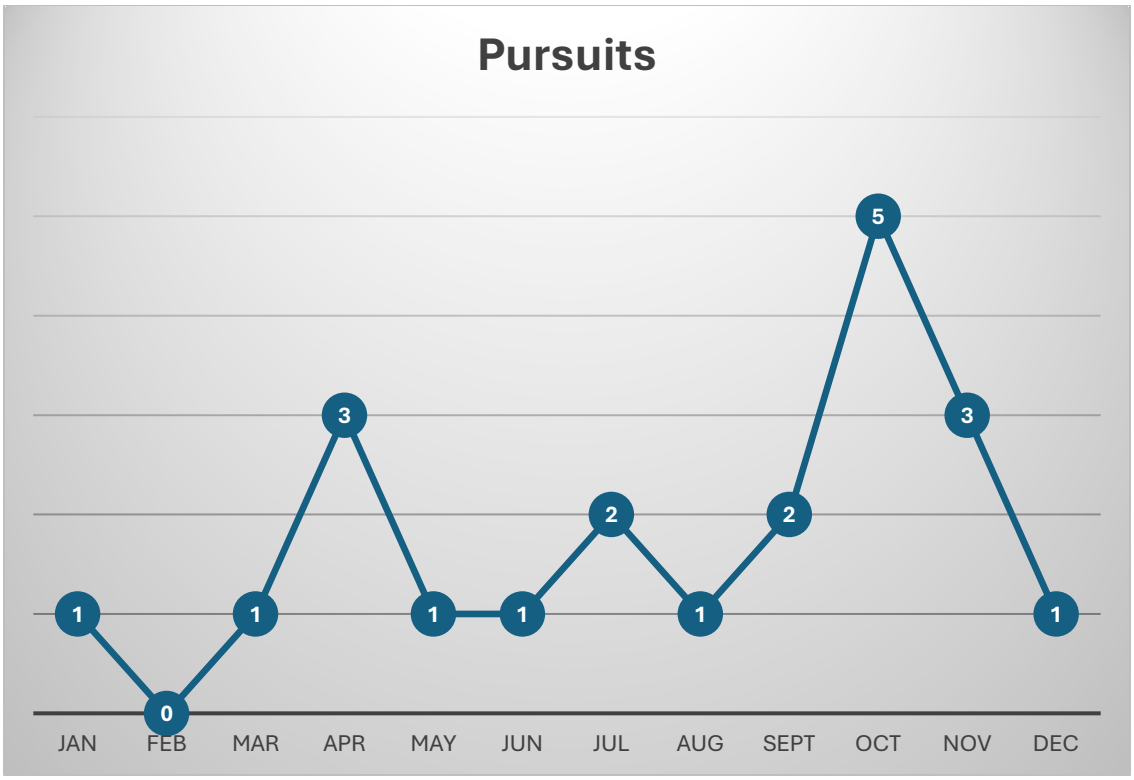
Pursuit of a suspect motor vehicle is an officer's last resort. Officers must consider the following when assessing whether to initiate a vehicle pursuit and alternative methods/tactics:

1. Is there a reason to believe that a criminal offence has been committed or is about to be committed or to identify the motor vehicle or an individual in the vehicle.
2. There are no alternatives available as set out in alternative methods/tactics.
3. In order to protect public safety, the immediate need to apprehend an individual in the fleeing motor vehicle, or the need to identify the motor vehicle or an individual in the motor vehicle outweighs the risk to public safety that may result from the vehicle pursuit.

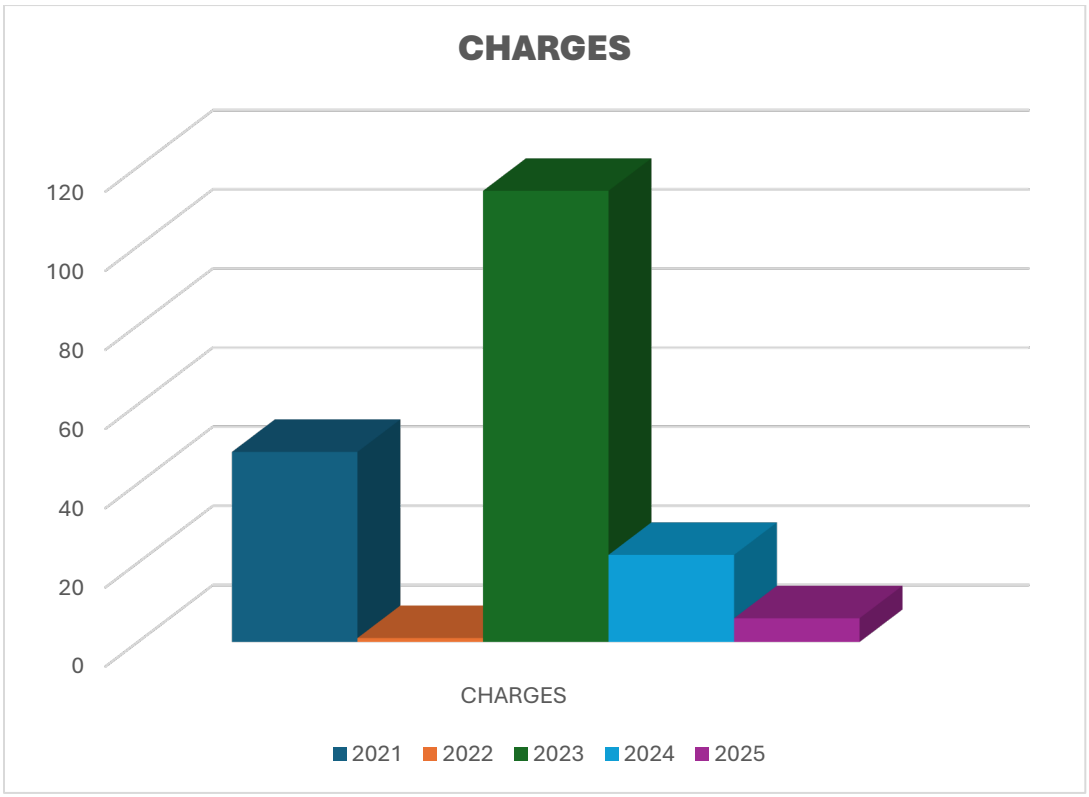
2025 FAIL TO STOP REPORTS BY MONTH

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Pursuits	1		1	3	1	1	2	1	2	5	3	1	21
Accidents													
Arrest													
Charges	4		2										6
Terminated	1		1	3	1	1	2	1	2	5	3	1	21
Injuries													

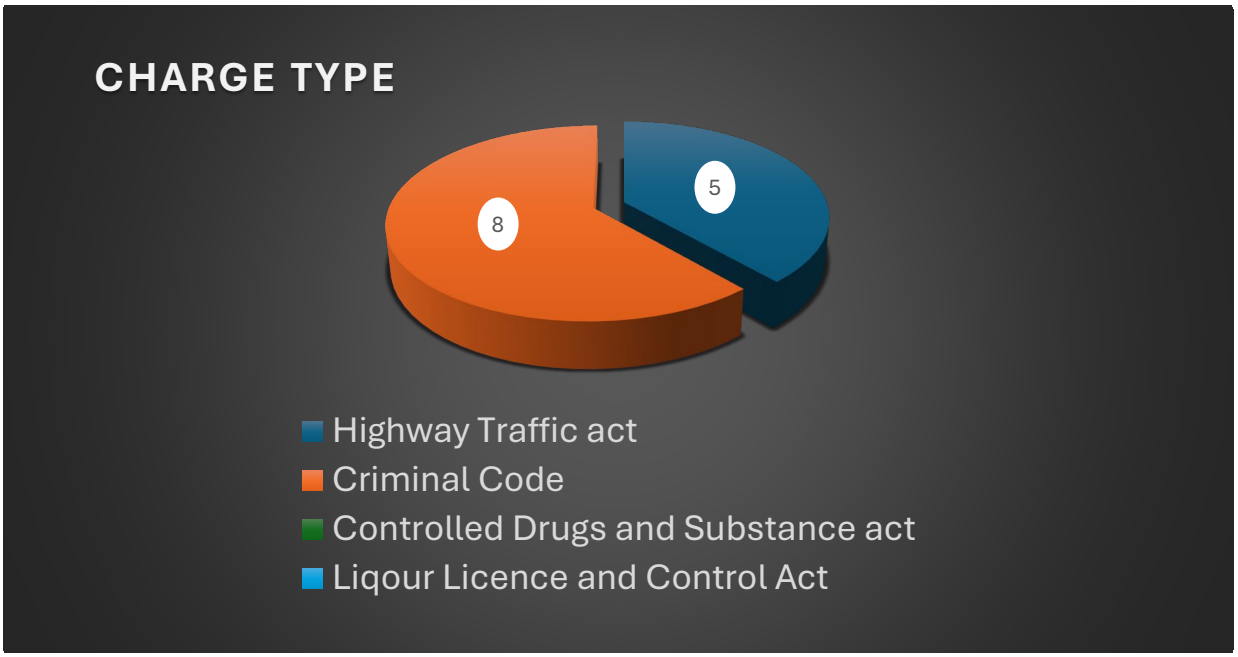


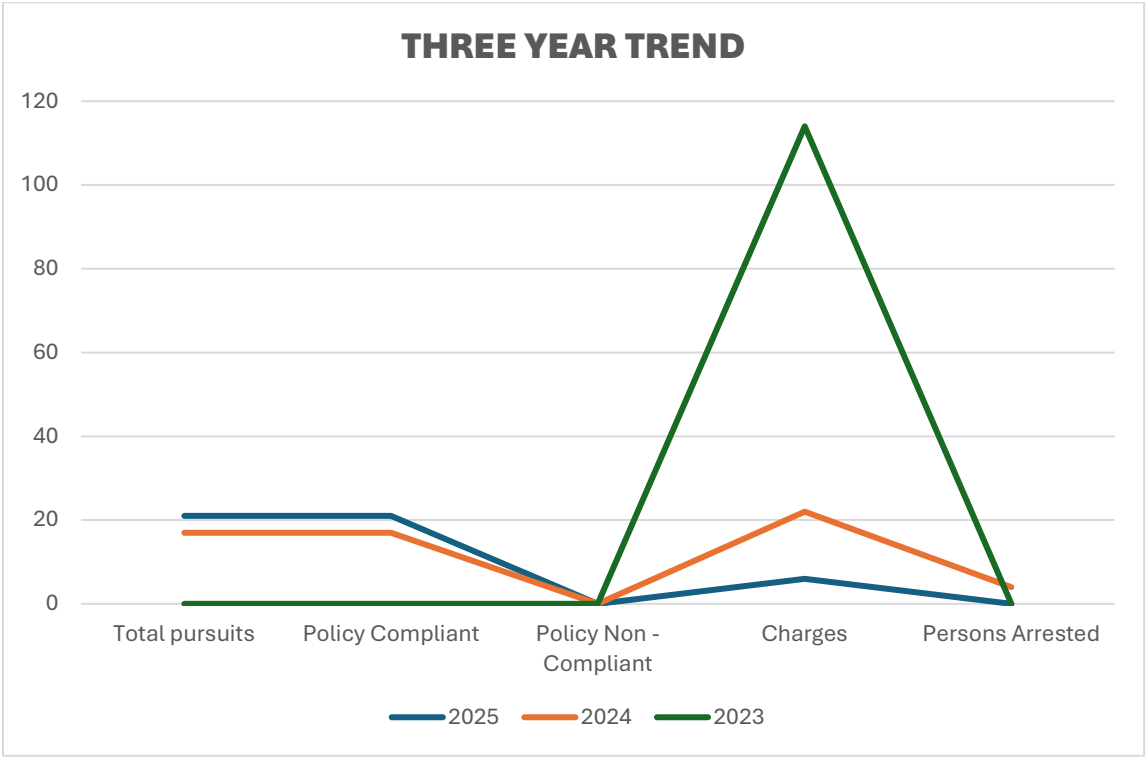


The highest number of pursuits occurred between September and November.

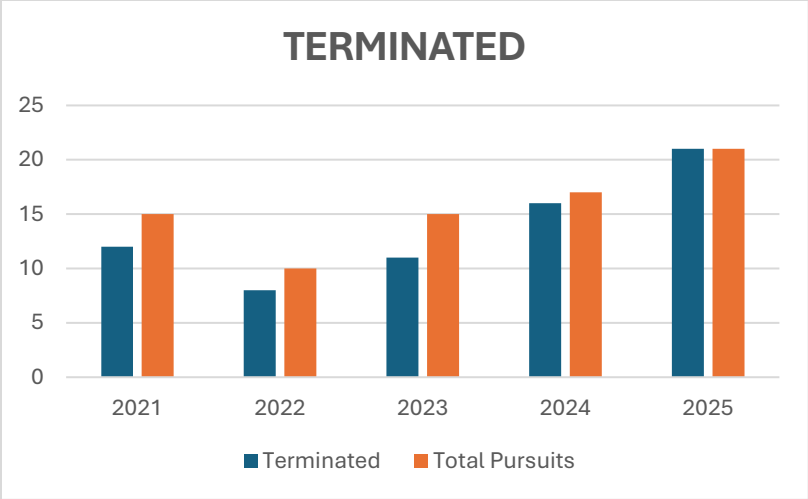


There was a significant decrease in charges in 2025 compared to 2024.





The chart above demonstrates general consistency over the past two years, however in 2023 there was a significant increase in the number of pursuits.



In 2025, there were a total of 21 pursuits, 16 of those pursuits were called of by the pursuing officer and the road supervisor called off the remaining 5 pursuits.

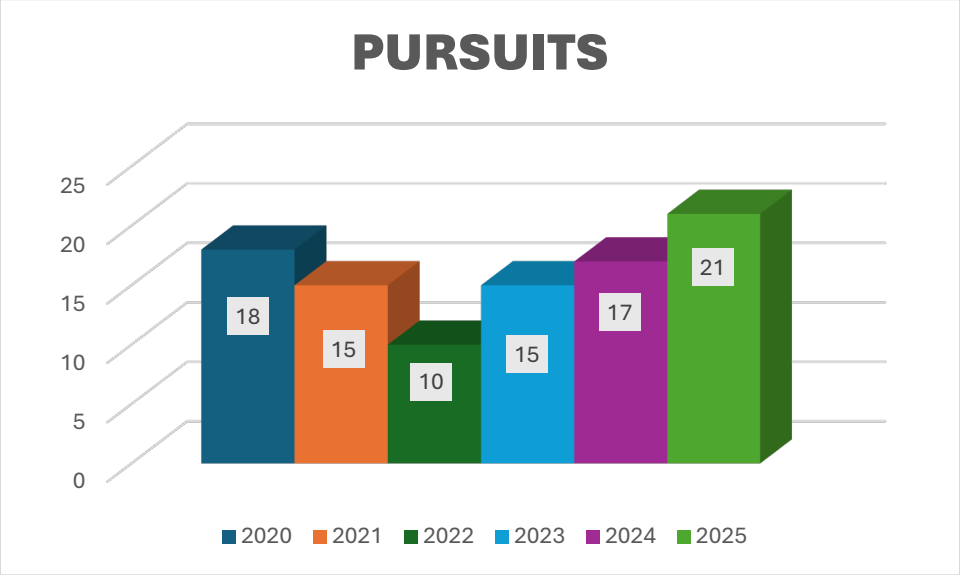
As per CPS policy, police officers shall discontinue a vehicle pursuit when:

a) The risk to public safety outweighs the need to apprehend or identify an individual or motor vehicle;
b) To continue would be futile;
c) During the pursuit of a serious non-criminal offence, the identity of an occupant or the vehicle plate number is determined;
d) The pursuing officer knows, or is almost certain, that the pursued vehicle is operated by a young person;
e) Any officer involved in the vehicle persuit, including passenger officer(s), supervisors, dispatcher or any person so authorized who is monitoring the pursuit, decides the vehicle pursuit must be discontinued.

INJURIES

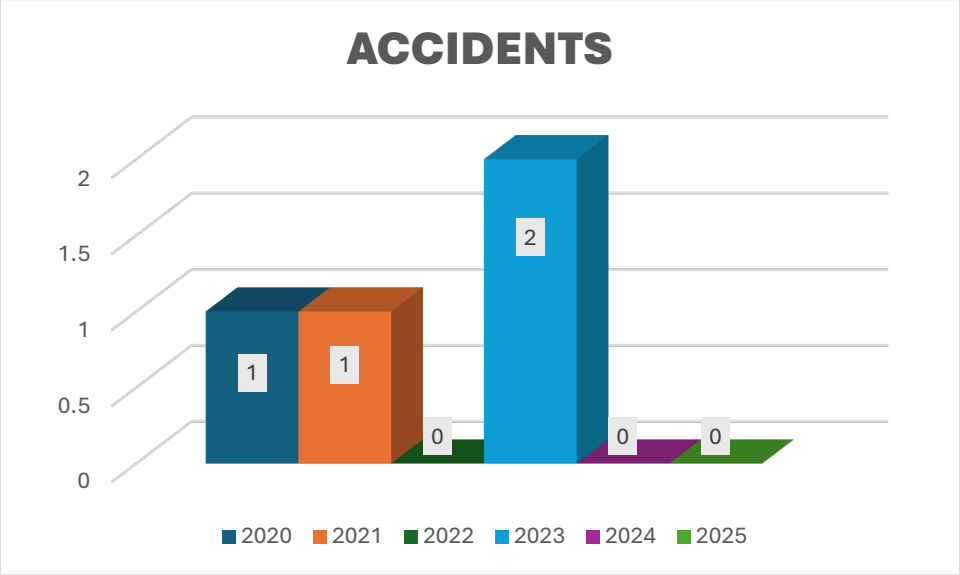
Over the last five years. There have been no suspect vehicle pursuits that resulted in injuries to either suspects, officers or civilians.

FAIL TO STOP REPORTS

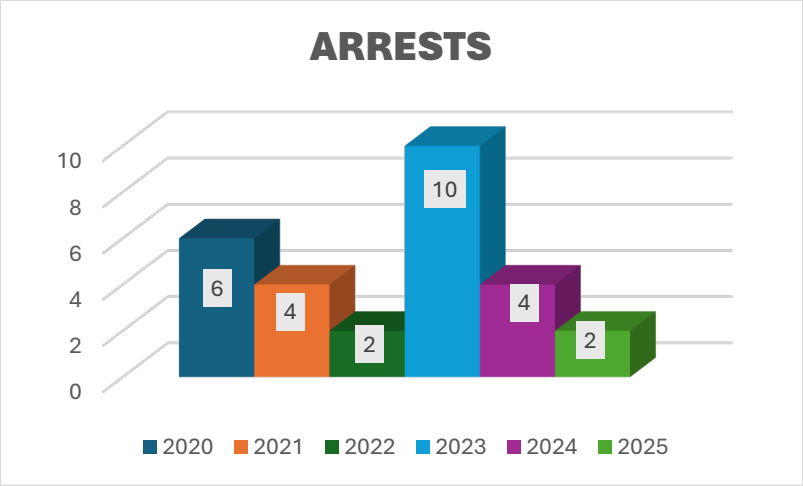


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In 2025 there were no accidents reported as a result of vehicle pursuits.



A total of two individuals were arrested in 2025 with respect to a vehicle pursuit. A warrant currently exists for one youth in respect to a vehicle pursuit.

CONCLUSION

Preparation of this report required an analysis and review of the fail to stop reports submitted in 2025. The submitted reports indicated that police officers were compliant with the legislation and followed policy set out in CPS FOB 052.

Initial Vehicle Pursuit training is provided by the Ontario Police College (OPC) during the basic recruit training. The Vehicle Pursuit training at OPC is very in depth, covering topics on road safety, how to properly conduct traffic stops and when to initiate/discontinue a Vehicle Pursuit. In addition, Vehicle Pursuit refresher training is provided to all sworn members of the CPS during block training. Training consists of policy review and general discussion of historical pursuits. As a result of training and documented incidents, this report can conclude that the CPS has been compliant as per Vehicle Pursuit Policy, Ontario Regulation 397/23 and the reporting of all incidents during 2025.

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The directive has been reviewed by the officer in charge of the Training Branch, and based on the statistical data, there are no changes recommended.